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1. On 20 June 1952, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Heide Allee, Halle (L 52/D 92), was partly occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia or artillery insignia. Only a few soldiers were seen in the barracks area. Field training involving 3 T-34/85 tanks and 2 SP guns was noticed at the Grundberge training field. There was also signal training in isolated instances. Motor vehicles seen at the installation []

2. During the period from 8 to 13 June, the Reil Kaserne on Reilstrasse was occupied by a small unit wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 10 June, 30 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, armed with rifles, left the barracks installation [] Additional motor vehicles seen at the installation []

3. On 16 June, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Heide Allee was occupied by about 4,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with black-bordered black epaulets. [] about 80 percent of the soldiers had closely cropped hair, while about 20 percent wore civilian haircut. The troops were seen engaged in firing with rifles with live ammunition and practicing at platoon level with and without rifles. []

4. During the period from 12 to 17 June, the Flak Kaserne in Woermalitz was occupied by a rear detail of about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [] was seen entering the barracks installation on a number of days. *

5. During the period from 13 to 16 June, the Reil Kaserne on Reil Strasse was occupied by about 60 soldiers who wore either black-bordered crimson epaulets or red-bordered black epaulets. On 13 June, 16 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were drilling. Trucks [] left the installation.

6. On 15 and 17 June, the installation on Maxim Gorki Strasse was still occupied by the SCC. A guard detail of 1 officer and 9 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen. Motor vehicles [] parked in front of the installation. **

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7. During the period from 4 to 11 June, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Weide Allee was occupied by about 1,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia or artillery insignia and with black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. There was intensive drivers' training with trucks and armored scout cars. [REDACTED] 25X1

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In late May, a new telephone line with four cables was seen extending from the Luftnachrichten Kaserne to Lossa via Teutschenthal, Schafstaedt, Steigra, Rossleben and Aiche.

8. On 10 June, the Flak Kaserne in Goernitz was occupied by about 100 soldiers and was guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed. It was rumored that Volkspolizei units would be quartered in the barracks installation. [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] Comment. Between 10 and 20 June, the personnel quartered in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was apparently substantially reduced, although there were no reports that the units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div previously stationed there had left the installation. The elements of the division stationed in the Goernitz Flak Kaserne have been in Lossa since early May. On 17 June, a report from the transport control headquarters in Erfurt indicated that three trains of the division went from Lossa to Dessau. [REDACTED] It is therefore probable that the bulk of the division stationed in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne moved to the engineer training area in Dessau as in 1951. The construction of a new telephone line from Halle to Lossa tends to indicate that the Lossa troop training grounds is still being used at least by units of the division.

[REDACTED] Comment. The small MGB unit is still quartered in the Weide Kaserne, while the SOG is still located on Maxim Gorki Strasse.

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